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WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1952.

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POPULATION.

The population of the State on the 30th June, 1952 was estimated to be 601,266, comprising 310,214 Males and 291,052 Females.

The estimated population of the Metropolitan Area at the 31st December, 1951, was 317,000.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

	<u>OCTOBER.</u>		<u>10 Months Ended</u> <u>OCTOBER.</u>	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Marriages - Number.	438	498	4,438	4,500
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	8.52	10.00	8.88	9.31
Births - Number.	1,450	1,427	13,040	12,613
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	28.19	28.65	26.09	26.08
Deaths - Number.	436	500	4,361	4,518
*Rate per 1000 of Population.	8.48	10.04	8.73	9.34
Infant Mortality - Number.	27	37	336	371
*Rate per 1000 Live Births.	18.62	25.93	25.77	29.41
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>				
Tuberculosis.	8	5	65	67
Cancer.	47	54	567	584
Influenza.	5	1	18	18
Diphtheria.	-	-	2	11
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	57	64	525	496
Arteriosclerosis.	17	16	149	180
Diseases of the Heart.	146	185	1,415	1,488
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia.	11	18	148	173
Diarrhoea and Enteritis.	2	4	37	57
Nephritis.	4	8	65	72
Diseases of Early Infancy.	17	27	206	232
Senility.	-	2	22	19
Accidents.	33	31	327	330
All Other Causes.	89	85	815	791
Total.	436	500	4,361	4,518

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.  
\* Deaths under one year.

*Tuberculosis*



LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the eleven months ended November, 1952, totalled 1,149,281 acres, an increase of 54,385 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 3,094,385 acres, a decrease of 788,343.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of NOVEMBER.		5 Months ended NOVEMBER.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue.	2,918,010	2,932,502	13,837,078	13,364,024
Revenue per Head of Population.	£4. 15.10	£4. 19. 8	£22. 17. 0	£22. 16. 6
Expenditure.	3,064,075	3,013,488	15,273,306	13,664,093
Expenditure per Head of Population.	£5. 0. 8	£5. 2. 5	£25. 4. 6	£23. 6. 9

SAVINGS BANKS.

Depositors' Balances on the 30th November, 1952, amounted to £48,833,145 or £80. 1. 7d. per head of population as against £46,210,027 or £78. 7. 7d. per head as at the 30th November last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearance for the 4 weeks ended 26th November, 1952, amounted to £11,705,211 compared with £10,821,305 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds.		NOVEMBER.		5 Months Ended NOVEMBER.	
		1952	1951	1952	1951
Transfers.	No.	1,623	1,858	8,311	10,484
	£.	1,656,207	2,416,006	8,881,939	13,944,731
Mortgages.	No.	1,170	1,333	5,905	7,014
	£.	1,623,865	1,827,970	8,725,693	9,981,717
Discharges of Mortgages.	No.	779	1,046	4,263	4,888

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Period of Receipt of Returns.	Taxable Goods.		Sales of Exempt Goods.	Tax Collected.
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable. (Gross)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable. (Gross).		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Five months ended NOVEMBER, 1951.	15,656,250	12,181,829	34,946,331	1,976,042
Five months ended NOVEMBER, 1952.	14,160,517	10,458,010	32,766,627	2,177,649
Month of NOVEMBER, 1951.	3,138,422	2,651,014	6,612,578	549,329
Month of NOVEMBER, 1952.	2,332,671	1,845,008	4,739,724	411,226





COMPANIES REGISTERED.

41 Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £2,419,000, and 20 Foreign Companies were registered during the five months ended November, 1952. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 39 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £1,991,500 and 34 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY.

	Five Months ended NOVEMBER.					
	1952			1951		
	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.	No.	Liabilities.	Assets.
Sequestration Orders.	15	£41,533	£24,048	10	£24,283	£29,363
Deeds of Assignment.(a)	12	52,576	51,364	4	5,935	3,813
Deeds of Arrangement.	-	-	-	1	1,978	1,015

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

		OCTOBER.		4 Months Ended OCTOBER.	
		1952/	1951	1952/	1951
Gross Earnings.(a) *	£.	634,100	850,400	1,843,000	3,216,600
Working Expenses.(a)	£.	941,921	907,643	3,410,877	3,433,014
Train Miles Run.	No.	423,879	627,537	1,025,831	2,424,529
Motor Bus Miles Run.	No.	(b) 173,837	(b) 152,981	(c) 692,515	(c) 598,157
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train.	No.	851,753	966,035	1,432,449	3,882,261
Motor Bus.	No.	56,323	49,629	232,997	195,927
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods.		170,143	259,101	509,369	1,054,617
Livestock.		16,787	16,716	41,773	44,370
Departmental. (Free Freight)		47,987	65,040	136,172	259,505
Total.		234,917	340,857	687,314	1,358,492
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods.		28,566,469	38,959,619	74,018,557	160,125,148
Livestock.		2,450,872	2,106,718	5,655,649	5,679,307
Departmental. (Free Freight)		7,005,919	8,414,126	18,263,867	31,419,765
Total.		38,023,260	49,480,463	97,938,073	197,224,220

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 18th October.

(c) Period ended 18th October.

\* Figures liable to revision.

/ Figures reflect result of Metal Trade Strike.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (EXCLUDING COMMONWEALTH-OWNED) VEHICLES.

	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles.	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1950.	4,664	1,901	86	1,214	9,325	5,660	150	2,390
Year 1951	4,263	2,088	51	1,886	7,914	5,730	101	3,192
1952 -								
January.	290	148	1	140	602	398	3	237
February.	378	175	3	143	774	469	9	231
March.	407	228	4	156	881	611	11	261
April.	512	241	5	120	949	568	7	177
May.	390	186	8	65	769	494	13	115
June.	238	129	16	68	501	388	18	115
July.	293	156	7	79	542	437	8	151
August.	260	137	3	65	493	385	3	108
September.	300	140	7	56	594	397	10	125
October.	375	195	7	68	715	530	9	121

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).\*

Date (as at end of Month).	METROPOLITAN AREA.				ENTIRE STATE.			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1950 -								
June.	28,529	12,530	443	7,707	48,485	41,688	826	12,890
1951 -								
June.	32,966	14,461	499	8,876	56,109	46,150	950	14,521
1952 -								
January.	35,934	15,770	498	9,834	59,073	46,524	915	14,934
February.	36,069	15,824	501	9,867	60,178	48,141	950	15,357
March.	36,377	15,964	507	9,907	60,967	48,676	963	15,507
April.	36,863	16,133	507	9,953	62,146	49,462	962	15,796
May.	37,050	16,210	509	9,894	62,999	50,354	973	15,902
June.	37,873	16,368	522	9,952	64,180	50,897	988	16,041
July.	38,683	16,721	522	10,110	63,573	49,705	999	14,950
August.	38,845	16,769	524	10,094	63,968*	50,001	1,001	14,977
September.	39,156	16,857	525	10,123	64,573	50,346	1,005	15,075
October.	39,410	16,975	532	10,100	64,915	50,360	993	15,113

\* Excluding Commonwealth-Owned Vehicles which comprised for October, 1952:-

103 Cars; 775 Wagons, Vans, etc.; 11 Buses and 6 Motor Cycles.

\* Revised.

TRADE (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA).

Trade of Western Australia, October, 1952 and 1951, and four months ended October, 1952 and 1951, expressed in terms of Australian Currency:-

	IMPORTS.				EXPORTS (Including Ships' Stores).			
	OCTOBER.		4 Months ended OCTOBER.		OCTOBER.		4 Months ended OCTOBER.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea.	2,693	4,282	11,276	20,348	9,072	7,372	25,732	25,634
Interstate.	5,933	4,457	24,036	20,246	1,692	925	7,965	3,857
Total.	8,626	8,739	35,312	41,194	10,764	8,297	33,697	29,491



BUILDING ACTIVITY.

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

Period.	Dwellings.				Factories.		Other.		Total.	
	Owner-Built.		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,041	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952 -										
March Qr.	586	1,103	898	1,779	14	185	121	399	1,619	3,466
June Qr.	737	1,296	1,175	2,458	9	103	128	428	2,049	4,285
Sept. Qr.	669	1,451	1,400	3,470	19	170	141	644	2,229	5,735

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor operations, and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and other Residentials excluded from table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION.

(Including Owner-Built Homes).

	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls.									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood.		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement.		Other Material.		Total.	
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000		£,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952 -										
March Qr.	559	1,374	113	171	769	1,255	36	70	1,477	2,870
June Qr.	732	1,858	138	245	986	1,542	43	87	1,899	3,732
Sept. Qr.	792	2,200	248	614	961	1,751	39	90	2,040	4,655

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

Approximately 2,084,000 lbs. were produced during November, 1952, and 9,516,000 lbs. for the five months ended November, 1952, as against 2,111,827 lbs. and 9,971,573 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods for 1951.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

	NOVEMBER.		11 Months Ended NOVEMBER.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Quantity ..... Fine Ozs.	57,315	58,407	663,634	557,940
Value (Aust. Currency). *£	887,898	904,816	10,280,832	8,953,251

\* Excludes premium on gold sold for industrial purposes.

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the eleven months ended November, 1952, amounted to £ 891,872. Dividends reported for the corresponding period of 1951 amounted to £ 661,406.



RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000).

	Food and Groceries.				All Items of Household Expenditure ("C" Series).			
	SEPTEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months Ended SEPTEMBER.		SEPTEMBER QUARTER.		12 Months Ended SEPTEMBER.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
Metropolitan Area.	2448	2019	2283	1856	2216	1911	2111	1764
Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	2645	2158	2466	1992	2309	1995	2201	1847
Northam.	2511	2051	2342	1878	2239	1915	2120	1776
Bunbury.	2500	2051	2333	1820	2242	1923	2135	1775
Geraldton.	2569	2093	2385	1913	2355	2002	2225	1855
Collie.	2518	2050	2344	1880	2130	1829	2027	1693

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT.

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic).

Figures supplied by Commonwealth Statistician.

Month.	1951			1952		
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
January.	123,741	40,324	164,065	127,021	40,611	167,632
February.	124,946	41,182	166,128	127,314	41,319	168,633
March.	125,210	41,480	166,690	127,666	41,367	169,033
April.	124,785	41,729	166,514	126,905	41,326	168,231
May.	124,715	41,642	166,357	126,734	41,110	167,844
June.	125,284	41,564	166,848	126,001	40,564	166,565
July.	125,649	41,445	167,094	125,215	40,408	165,623
August.	125,475	41,602	167,077	125,577	40,115	165,692
September.	125,366	41,474	166,840	125,235	40,272	165,507
October.	125,843	41,405	167,248	126,306	40,389	166,695
November.	126,646	41,467	168,113			
December.	126,667	41,743	168,410			

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

	FACTORIES. (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees = 100))					RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS. (b) (Base: July, 1941 (9,578 Employees = 1000))				
	1948	1949	1950	1951(a)	1952(a)	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
January.	171	179	194	208	213	1233	1354	1410	1490	1540
February.	172	182	197	212	212	1249	1358	1387	1495	1536
March.	176	186	200	215	212	1264	1371	1415	1513	1522
April.	176	187	200	215	209	1264	1377	1415	1508	1517
May.	177	187	203	216	207	1277	1354	1418	1500	1512
June.	177	187	202	215	205	1277	1362	1429	1517	1495
July.	177	182	204	216	204	1301	1381	1423	1517	1497
August.	179	189	204	215	207	1294	1377	1419	1510	1468
September.	180	190	204	212	206	1302	1365	1428	1518	1485
October.	180	191	206	214	207	1318	1375	1431	1522	1507
November.	182	192	207	214		1349	1402	1450	1537	
December.	182	194	207	213		1385	1470	1531	1587	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1951 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.





STATE BASIC WAGE.

Date of Operation.	Metropolitan Area.		South-West Land Division.		Goldfields and Rest of State.	
	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
27th October, 1952.	£. s. d. 11. 18. 6	£. s. d. 7. 15. 0	£. s. d. 11.19. 2	£. s. d. 7. 15. 6	£. s. d. 12. 4. 2	£. s. d. 7. 18. 9

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by W.A. Government Power Stations).

Particulars.	NOVEMBER.		5 Months ended NOVEMBER.	
	1952	1951	1952	1951
Units Generated (1000 K.W.H.)	27,145	26,058	143,374	133,387
Units Sent Out (1000 K.W.H.)	24,144	22,746	126,626	116,658

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Period.	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
November, 1952.	5,353	469	202,514	10,008
November, 1951.	5,953	514	128,089	12,203
11 Months ended November, 1952.	92,319	5,969	1,125,765	105,495
11 Months ended November, 1951.	102,811	4,041	661,179	104,070

